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NHPRC Grant Is Big Help Toward DDN Archive Project

A \$129,694 two-year grant from the National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC) kickstarts the preservation and organization of the *Dayton Daily News* Archive this fall. The Libraries' Special Collections & Archives received notice of the grant in May to help prepare the DDN Archive for public access.

The grant enables the Libraries to hire a full-time archivist and part-time graduate student to

NHPRC begin arranging and identifying materials in the collection. "We're very excited to receive this grant," said Dawne Dewey, Head of Special Collections and Archives. "It will enable us to make this tremendous resource available to the public and preserve it for generations to come."

Cox Ohio Publishing donated the collection of *Dayton Daily News* and *Dayton Journal Herald* news clippings and photographs in October 2008. The materials document significant events between 1930 and 1990 and their impacts on the Dayton area including the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, race relations and desegregation to name just a few.

The DDN Archive arrived in 300 5-drawer file cabinets and 500 records center boxes. Throughout the project, gems found within the collection will be posted to an online gallery available on the Libraries' website.

The NHPRC is an arm of the National Archives and



Records Administration (www.archives.gov/nhprc). Once open to the public, the DDN collection promises substantial benefits to students and faculty in history, communication, political science, sociology, liberal arts, business, engineering, medicine, and more. "It will be a gold mine of local, regional and national history for the Dayton community and beyond," said Dewey.

The Libraries' Special Collections and Archives, established in 1969, maintains world-class collections in aviation history along with extensive collections of local and regional history. Learn more at

www.libraries.wright.edu/special
or by calling (937) 775-2092.

Remember Your Libraries - We Work for You!

Sometimes people take libraries for granted and forget all the great things available within their walls and website. Sometimes people aren't even aware of services and materials that could really help them. Therefore Fall Quarter is an excellent time to review established and new services at WSU Libraries that can make life easier and far, far more interesting!

- The **Student Technology Assistance Center** offers free instruction on multimedia software from webpage design to PowerPoint to podcasts. Students can walk in with no experience, work one-on-one with a student tech mentor,

STAC

and walk out having completed the best class project ever. STAC is located on the Dunbar 2nd floor in the Media Room.

- The **Student Presentation Practice Room** is fully stocked with a computer, projector, light pointer, table, and whiteboard. Stu-

dents alone or in groups can polish presentation skills before facing the class for that big grade. The Presentation Practice Room is a free service open only to WSU students. Reserve a time and date by visiting the Media Room desk or calling 775-3029.

- Weekend study time** is precious, and the Dunbar Library has extended its Sunday hours for Fall Quarter to 10:00 am-Midnight.
- Hours for the **Silent Study Room** (Room 315 Dunbar) have also been extended, now open 6:00 pm to midnight on weeknights. The Dunbar 3rd and 4th floors are designated for Quiet Study Only, while groups may meet in the 1st floor Group Study Room.
- Students, faculty and staff can benefit from the Libraries' **KeyFinder** service. Register at the Dunbar or Lake Campus circulation desks and get a barcoded keyfob. If your keys are found on-campus with the keyfob, good samaritans can bring them to the libraries and we'll use the bar-



code to identify and contact you. In addition to all of this, the Dunbar second floor boasts more than 130 public computer workstations; friendly reference assistance available in person, via instant messaging, e-mail, or telephone; and free laptop loans through Laptops2Go.

To discover or rediscover the Libraries, visit us seven days a week or our website at-

Track Library Books with Elf

Get text message or RSS notification when your Libraries' requested items are ready for pick-up, nearing the due date, or are overdue. This is a free service to WSU students, faculty, staff, and Friends of the Libraries. Anyone interested in using Elf for their WSU Libraries' account may sign up online at

www.libraries.wright.edu/calendar/news

Elf sends text, RSS (Rich Site Summary, a format for delivering regularly changing web content), and/or e-mail notices (your choice). Patrons can avoid fines by selecting up to seven days of advance notice for due dates.

WSU Libraries recently subscribed to the Elf system as a supplemental notification method to our existing e-mails. We offer this service free to WSU in response to patron request. Enjoy Elf!

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(937) 775-2525 Circ. Desk
(937) 775-2925 Reference Desk

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Legacy Book Donations

The following Legacy Books were added to the Libraries' collections.

In memory of **Jeanne C. Smith:**

- *A New Literary History of America* edited by Greil Marcus & Werner Sollors
- *Frontiers of Femininity—A New Historical Geography of the Nineteenth-Century American West* by Karen Morin
- *The Wisdom Trail—In the Footsteps of Remarkable Women* by Janet Lieberman and Julie Hungar

On behalf of **Ellen Reinsch Friese:**

- *Elizabeth I: Voice of a Monarch* by Ilona Bell

- *Galleries of Friendship & Fame: A History of Nineteenth-Century American Photograph Albums* by Elizabeth Siegel
- *Entangling Alliances: Foreign War Brides & American Soldiers* by Susan Zeiger

In Honor of **Dr. Lillie P. Howard:**

- *The Collage Aesthetic in the Harlem Renaissance* by Rachael Farebrother
- *Harlem Renaissance: A Brief History with Documents* edited by Jeffrey B. Ferguson
- *The World Has Changed: Conversations with Alice Walker* edited by Rudolph P. Byrd
- *Bloom's How to Write About Alice Walker* by Christine Kerr

- *Overcoming Speechlessness: A Poet Encounters the Horror in Rwanda, Eastern Congo, and Palestine/Israel* by Alice Walker
- *Possessing the Secret of Joy* by Alice Walker
- *Zora Neale Hurston Reader: New Critical Essays for a New Millennium* by Deborah G. Plant

In memory of **Homer E. Henschen:**

- *Radar History of World War II: Technical and Military Imperatives* by Louis Brown

To donate Legacy Books, please contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.

Staff News

Maureen Barry, Librarian for First-Year and Distance Learning Services, was appointed to the American Library Association's (ALA) New Members Round Table Online Discussion Forum Committee in July. She will co-present *Come Early, Come Often: Getting First-Year Students in the Library* at the ALA of Ohio's Annual Conference in Columbus October 29.

Maureen and Director of Digital Services **Jane Wildermuth** received the Libraries' 2010 Staff Achievement and Recognition Award (StAR) on August 25.

Head of Reference & Instruction **Sue Polanka's** blog, *No Shelf Required* (www.libraries.wright.edu/noshelfrequired) won first place in Academic Blogs from the Salem Press Library Blog Awards. Sue edited a book published in September 2010 by American Library Association Editions titled *No Shelf Required: E-Books in Libraries*.

Bette Sydelko, Coordinator of Assessment and Outreach Services, was appointed to the National Planning Committee for the 2012 Medical Library Association (MLA) meeting in Seattle. Bette also published a column on internet resources for nutrition in the August 2010 issue of the *MLA News*.

Carol Fang, Business Librarian, was appointed Editor for *Reference Users Services Quarterly* 2011 column titled *Outstanding Business Reference Sources*. She published the article, *Reference on the Web: Help for Small Business* in the July 2010 issue of *Booklist* and the American Libraries Direct e-newsletter.

University Records Manager **Chris Wydman** begins his 5th year on the Ohio Electronic Records Committee and serves on the Inter-University Council of Ohio Records Management Task Force.

Student Technology Assistance Center (STAC) Coordinator **Will Davis** presented *M-learning and the Computer Lab* at the Ohio Higher Education Computing Council (OHECC) 2010 Conference: Technology Without Boundaries, held at the University of Akron. OHECC fosters communication among Information Technology (IT) organizations and professionals within Ohio institutions of higher education.

Erica Clay and Will Davis co-presented the online presentation and discussion *To Build, Or Not to Build: What M-learning Means for Your Information Commons* for TechConnections 2010. They identified the effects of mobile learning trends on reference/instruction and computing centers, and creating the library of the future.



Libraries Introduce Undergraduate Research Award

Undergraduate students collaborating with a WSU librarian on a research project for a 300-level and above course are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 Friends of the Libraries' Undergraduate Research Award.

Projects must be completed within Fall Quarter 2010 or Winter Quarter 2011 and can be from any subject area (liberal arts, engineering, sciences, education, etc.) Students must be currently registered at the time of submission and judging. Criteria for the award includes-

- use of library resources
- completeness and quality of essay
- project significance
- instructor assessment of project quality

A committee consisting of representatives from the WSU Libraries, Friends of the Libraries'

Board of Directors, and faculty will review submissions in April to announce the award in May. It will be presented at the Friends of the Libraries' Annual Spring Luncheon.

Winning projects will be permanently preserved in the Campus Online Repository (CORE). This site is indexed by search engines so projects will be available to a worldwide audience.

The purpose of the award is to spotlight the vital collaboration between students and librarians to find the authoritative and accurate information necessary for excellent end products.

More information will be sent to WSU faculty, promoted to students, and posted in the Libraries and online:

www.libraries.wright.edu/support/friends/award

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